

Turning the Tables on Plaintiffs in Trucking Litigation

- Walk through a live plaintiff automobile technology "experience"
- Discover how to secure data related to a plaintiff's actions at the time of an accident
- Defeat the reptile and learn how to establish a plaintiff's societal obligation to drive safely
- Explore the "Dark Arts" of medical billing
- Watch a live neuro psych exam and understand how to refute a plaintiff's fake TBI





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Get ready for a seminar like no other! This DRI trucking conference kicks off with a seasoned trucking plaintiffs' attorney revealing the "plaintiffs' playbook," and a fantastic "counterpoint" response by a trucking defense counsel, along with a series of presentations focused on turning the tables on trucking plaintiffs. This entire seminar is focused on helping all trucking practitioners, practically and methodically, to defend and to mitigate trucking loss risk.



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What You Will Learn

- How to respond to the "plaintiffs' playbook" in trucking cases
- How to develop supportive evidence from a plaintiff's vehicle
- How to address reptile theory attacks practically and before discovery
- How to attack a plaintiff's damages

Plaintiff's Vehicle "Experience!"

Walk through a live, interactive plaintiff automobile technology "experience." The exhibit will showcase modern vehicles, which a plaintiff might operate, and provide you with the details of the technology onboard these vehicles and the specific kinds and locations of certain data. This will allow you, in defending trucking companies, to obtain data from plaintiff vehicles quickly, which goes well beyond the typical "black box" data. This experience is a do-not-miss for clients and attorneys alike!



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

6:00 p.m. **Registration**

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**

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THURSDAY, APRIL 26

7:00 a.m. **Registration**

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

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8:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

John J. (Jack) Laffey, Laffey Leitner &

Goode LLC, Milwaukee, WI

Clint V. Cox IV, Fee Smith Sharp & Vitullo LLP,

Dallas, TX

8:15 a.m. Keynote Presentation: Everything You
Always Wanted to Know About the Trucking
Plaintiffs' Playbook, but Were Afraid to Ask

Sometimes the best way to learn about how to litigate a case is by listening to your adversary. Hear from a seasoned plaintiffs' trucking attorney on what transportation professionals are doing right and wrong and how the plaintiffs' bar views the future of trucking litigation.

Joseph A. Fried, *Fried Rogers Goldberg LLC*, Atlanta. GA

9:10 a.m. Keynote Counterpoint: Defending the Plaintiffs' Playbook and Winning the Case

How should defense practitioners respond to the plaintiffs' attack on trucking companies and their drivers? Hear a response to the plaintiffs' litigation playbook and learn how to highlight a plaintiff's weaknesses.

Michael L. Miller, *Drew Eckl & Farnham LLP*, Atlanta, GA

10:05 a.m. Refreshment Break

10:25 a.m. Data Is a Two Way Street

Are you tired of responding to discovery requests about cameras, GPS whereabouts, and black boxes? The same data can now be mined from a plaintiff's automobile. Stop accepting a plaintiff's claim that he or she was

driving the "speed limit" and get the data you need to defeat the claim.

Michael Arnett, PE, S-E-A Limited,

Elk Grove Village, IL

John M. Nunnally, Ragsdale Liggett PLLC,

Raleigh, NC

11:15 a.m. The Distraction Dilemma

Given the proliferation of massive vehicle and device technology breakthroughs, human distraction now plays a key role in many accidents. This segment will address the human-factors side of driver distraction and how written and oral discovery can be used to establish plaintiff distraction as an important defense.

Bryson F. Datt, Jr., Burns White, Pittsburgh, PA

Jason D. Jupe, PE, Rimkus Consulting Group Inc., Austin, TX

12:15 p.m. **Lunch** (*on your own*)

1:45 p.m. When Plaintiffs Trigger All the Coverages

"I want more" is an unfortunate theme heard today in trucking litigation. No longer satisfied with the insurance coverage provided by a trucking company, plaintiffs' attorneys are looking for more insurance. Explore the new trends in coverage disputes and why you cannot assume that your policy is "safe."

Jennifer D. Eubanks, Canal Insurance Co., Greenville. SC

Lee Murray Hall, *Jenkins Fenstermaker PLLC*, Huntington, WV

2:30 p.m. **Breakouts** (see page 3)

5:00 p.m. Announcements and Adjourn

Clint V. Cox IV, Fee Smith Sharp & Vitullo LLP, Dallas, TX

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**

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7:30 p.m. **Dine-Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (*on your own*). More details on-site.

BREAKOUTS

Thursday, 2:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. (choose one)

In May 2017, the DRI Trucking Law Committee presented a one-day seminar on how to litigate a case in a reptile environment. The seminar provided practical and hands-on techniques on how to address discovery, depositions. motions, and trials in reptile cases. In the 2018 Liability breakout, discover more real-life techniques to shut down a reptile case and turn the table on plaintiffs. Plaintiff lawyers not only try to control the liability portion of a case, but their clients' damages and medical treatment. In the 2018 Damages breakout, explore strategies and techniques to challenge a plaintiff's medical treatment and the records that "support" it.

LIABILITY

Answering Discovery and Repelling a Plaintiff

The scaly reptile can actually raise its head in initial pleadings and written discovery. This presentation will assist you in identifying reptilian strategies, lodging objections appropriately, and laying the foundation to educate the judge in excluding such improper tactics.

Matthew G. Moffett, Grav Rust St Amand Moffett & Brieske LLP. Atlanta. GA

DAMAGES

Attacking Plaintiffs' Lawver-Driven Treatment and How to Stop the Cutting

Finding a connection between a plaintiff, a lawver and a "plaintiff-friendly" doctor could save your case. Learn how to unravel the relationship between plaintiff attorneys and the doctors that they use.

Bradford G. Hughes. Selman Breitman LLP. Los Angeles, CA



3:15 p.m.

2:30 p.m.

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3:30 p.m.

Drafting Motions to Preclude Reptile Attacks in Jury Selection and Trial

Although many judges are aware of the long-known "golden shoe" doctrine, the reptile approach can be more subtle and confusing to the inexperienced judge. Ms. Bechtold will share her experience working with plaintiffs.

Jill F. Bechtold, Hall Booth Smith PC, Jacksonville, FL

Attacking Plaintiffs' Medical Records: **Evaluating Medical History**

Plaintiffs' medical records can often be incomplete or intentionally void of the entire medical history. This segment will reveal the litany of sources of medical and medically related records that you can use to gather a complete history and effectively defend damages.

Bryan C. Garcia, Garcia Law Group LLC, Albuquerque, NM

4:15 p.m.

Trial Dos and Don'ts

Even experienced judges do not always exclude the reptile strategies of everyday plaintiffs. This discussion will address methods of skinning the reptile during the early stages of jury selection, opening statement, and even closing arguments.

Kurt M. Rozelsky. *Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP*. Greenville, SC

Eliza M. Shepherd, Livingston & Shepherd Trial Consulting LLC, Denver, CO

5:00 p.m.

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The Dark Arts of Medical Billing

What doctors charge and what they are willing to accept as payment for that charge are two different things. Learn how to attack medical bills and how to determine what is "fair and reasonable."

Michael H. Bassett, The Bassett Firm, Dallas, TX Beth Morgan, CPC, MCS-P, Medical Bill Detectives, Wilton, CT

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7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

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8:00 a.m. **Announcements**

Terrence L. Graves, *Sands Anderson PC*, Richmond. VA

Matthew S. Hefflefinger, Heyl Royster Voelker & Allen PC. Peoria. IL

8:05 a.m. Strategies for Resolving Serious Losses Within Days

With advances in technology, it is now easier than ever to get the information needed to resolve a matter quicker for your client. Learn why faster and smarter may be the best approach to case resolution and total risk mitigation.

Clarence C. Easterday, Western Express Inc., Nashville, TN

Stephen G. (Steve) Pesarchick, *Sugarman Law Firm LLP*, Syracuse, NY

8:50 a.m. Mining a Plaintiff's Cell Phone Data: What the Cell Is This?

This is not your grandma's big brown brick cell phone! Today's smartphones can provide you with information that you could never get during a deposition about what a plaintiff was doing before and during an accident.

Matthew J. Peterson, CFCE, CCME, Robson Forensic Inc., Seattle, WA

9:30 a.m. The Future of Trucking Litigation: What's My Job Going to Look Like in 10 Years?

Driverless vehicles and trucking load assignment apps are on the way, and trucking professionals must consider how these disruptive revolutions will affect accident litigation. Transportation litigators and claims specialists need to prepare for technology failure claims and whether there will be liability for not "keeping up with the Joneses."

➤ Chip Campbell, Old Dominion Freight Line Inc., Thomasville, NC

Rocky Coe, Claims Services Inc./McLane Company Inc., Temple, TX



June J. Essis, *Fineman Krekstein & Harris PC*, Philadelphia, PA

10:25 a.m. Refreshment Break

10:45 a.m. Is the Plaintiff Faking a TBI?

Concussion? TBI symptoms and sequelae? Learn the pros and cons with a "live" neuropsychological exam to uncover what plaintiffs are doing to create claims that do not exist.

Sarah E. Hansen, *Burden Hafner & Hansen LLC*, Buffalo, NY

** Steven E. Rothke, PhD, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Northbrook. IL

11:15 a.m. Spoliation and Social Media: Flipping the Script on Plaintiffs

The "all about me" environment could save your trucking case. Spoliation applies to plaintiffs as well as defendants. Learn how to force plaintiffs to preserve their social media accounts and how to compel production of their posts when they claim that they have been deleted.

Eric Nau, *Prime Inc.*, Springfield, MO

Brett A. Ross, Carr Allison, Birmingham, AL

12:05 p.m. Emails, Emojis, Text Messages, and Technology: Ethical Violations?

The current technology used by attorneys and other professionals is a minefield of potential ethical trouble. Explore the ethical implications and other considerations that you and your team need to consider before you hit "send."

Diana C. Manning, *Bressler Amery & Ross PC*, Florham Park, NJ

1:00 p.m. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

MaryJane Dobbs, *Bressler Amery & Ross PC*, Florham Park, NJ

Clint V. Cox IV, Fee Smith Sharp & Vitullo LLP, Dallas. TX



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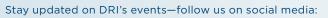
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